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Updates, News & Notes¹

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A. Update on the implementation of past recommendations/action items²:

¹ Limit each section to one type written page. Links (URLs) to additional information are welcomed.

² Restate recommendation/action item and provide date of ISAC meeting.

B. *Departmental news of relevance to ISAC priorities*³:

The recently-signed Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement between the U.S. and eleven other countries includes a commitment in the Environment Chapter for parties to coordinate among relevant FTA committees to identify opportunities to share information and management experiences on the movement, prevention, detection, control, and eradication of invasive species, with a view to enhancing efforts to assess and address the risks and adverse impacts of invasive species. The negotiations building towards a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the European Union (E.U.) may provide another opportunity to explore cooperation on invasive species.

³ Focus on technical issues of substantial merit – release of reports, policy actions, etc.

C. *Departmental notes of relevance to ISAC*⁴:

⁴ Focus on organizational/logistical information relevant to ISAC – staff changes, upcoming meetings, etc.